

# WILLARD USES JOHNSON'S STUFF LEARNS MUCH IN EVERY BATTLE

Just as Johnson Picked Up Tricks Used By Men He Fought, Willard Has Absorbed Ring Tactics Johnson Used in Havana Battle; He is Not as Fast as Johnson, But is a Pretty Fair Imitation.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Jess Willard, like other great men in any line of business, learned his game by keeping his eyes open and picking up the good things shown him.

Willard learned more in that fight with Johnson at Havana than he did in all his other battles, and his boxing today proves it.

He is not the only boxer who has copied another's style, however.

There was Jim Jeffries, an awkward brawler when he went to Carson City to box with Jim Corbett. He learned about left hands in that camp, and later had one of the best south-paw punches ever seen in a ring. After that he went with Tommy Ryan and learned about blocking and how to avoid snuff.

He also learned the crouching attitude that bothered so many opponents later.

Corbett himself was no lack at picking things up. He first learned the left lead with Walter Watson of the Olympic club in France. Later he took an every big man that ever came to France, including John L. Sullivan, who was at that time the champ.

Jim watched professionals box, watched their footwork, their leads and their styles. When he was finished he was the greatest heavyweight in the line of cleverness that ever lived.

Johnson also absorbed information.

Didn't Lill' Arthur Johnson go around picking up stray bits in the pugilistic grab bag? He first went with Joe Wolf as a rubber. He watched Joe day by day and got an eye for the game. He was a trainer for Frank Childs and a great many others until he landed in France to box "Kid" Carter. It was there that Johnson learned all his tricks.

He started his career there and made his great top.

Willie Ritchie was only a preliminary boxer until he toured the country

BY TAD.

with Paakey McFarland. "Look at him now, Sergeant, look at him now." Willie became the lightweight champ later. He is still some mauler.

Willard, just right now, was quite a wise young person in picking up the things it took Johnson years to learn.

Johnson's right hand uppercut was his greatest asset. It was this punch that sent Jeff feeling in Reno, but a left ended the quarrel. Johnson studied that blow for years. Billy Jordan, the old announcer, declared there is no punch known to ringmen that is as deadly as the right uppercut. There is no block for it and when it lands the call is for ammonia and a lounge.

Willard has this blow down to a hick's nox.

Copies Old Champ's Uppercut.

He has most of Johnson's stuff eating out of his hand.

He is an indicator of no mean ability, as we say at the club.

Johnson's great trick was to hold a man in the clinches, smile a bit, take a bit, and then when it looked like waving fields of daisies to the other guy, let fly with right or left and knock the fillings out of the other's teeth.

Willard does this.

Has Johnson's Left.

Johnson had a great left which was always interfering with the other man's breathing apparatus or centerboard.

Willard has this.

Johnson was great at making a man think he was very close to him. As the other let fly Arthur pulled away and then pounced his opponent in the body.

Willard does this.

Johnson caught his adversary's leads while they were still in the air. He didn't block with the glove against the face to catch them, as the old timers did. Willard does as Johnson did.

Willard is not as fast as Johnson, nor is he the punisher the big black fellow was, but right now he is a pretty fair imitation and quite a husky man.

## In Boyland:

WEDNESDAY afternoon the second mid-week game in the Grammar School Baseball League will be staged at Rio Grande park at 4 o'clock.

There should be a large attendance at this game as there is much interest attached to the game as it will decide whether the Aime team will be forced into the cellar position.

The Aime boys are sure that they can take the measure of the Aime team and are practicing hard every afternoon. The Aime boys are confident that they will be able to give the Aime boys a good game, if not give them a thrashing.

Though the Aime boys were beaten by the Aime boys they put up a fine game.

School Sports, Juvenile Sports, Boys' Amateur Sports, and News and Gossip of the "Future Greats."

BY "BECK."

Following are the standings of teams in the Grammar School Baseball League:

Team	Won	Lost	Ties
Aime	1	0	0
San Antonio	1	0	0
Alta Vista	1	0	0
Beall	1	0	0
Lamar	1	0	0
Vine	1	0	0
Willard	1	0	0
Franklin	1	0	0

The House Mite "Rime" went to play the Oranville team and promptly threw them up to their terrible name. The "Rime" are about 14 years of age and their average weight is 100 pounds. For games, please Stanley Elmer at 1218 or Oliver Olson, 1875.

Following are the players who have signed with the House Mite "Rime": Fred Meisch, Roy Strahm, Hubert Wilson, DeWitt Booth and Chas. Seligman.

The Lone Stars state that they have not yet heard from the Los Cruces Juniors regarding their offer to go to Los Cruces for a game on Saturday afternoon.

The West Missouri Hitters are out for games and are looking for a game with the Los Cruces Juniors.

H. F. Peters, Jr., Lloyd Sloan, P. George Sheldahl, Dr. Paul Davis, Dr. Ben Serfick, Dr. Harry Olson, Dr. James H. Harts, Jr., Dr. Jake Earlick, Jr.

The West Missouri Hitters report a victory over the White Sox, 15 to 11.

The average age of the West Missouri Hitters is 18 years and the average weight 170 pounds. They want games, which can be arranged by calling 2245.

The Cardinals report a victory over the Volunteers Sunday afternoon by a score of 5 to 3. The Cardinals opened the fireworks in the first inning when Joe Lacarra slammed a home run but the Volunteers immediately made a change of pitchers.

The mound artist of the Volunteers was a new man almost every inning.

The Cardinals assert that the Volunteers arranged game for players under 15 years of age but that when the score was going against them, the Volunteers sent a pitcher to the mound who was over 17 years of age.

The Cardinals are open for games with any team whose players are under 15 years of age.

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## JUAREZ RACES SUDDENLY CLOSE

President of Jockey Club Deems Action Best Under Circumstances.

The Juarez race meeting which, according to late announcements, was scheduled to run until next Sunday afternoon, was suddenly "called off" by president Matt J. Winn, of the Jockey Club, Juarez, on Monday evening, following a conference between the board of the track and the Jockey Club.

The announcement of Col. Winn reads:

"Taking into consideration all the existing circumstances, the management of the Jockey Club, Juarez, deems it best to suspend the racing for the present meeting at the track. The program announced for Tuesday, therefore, is called off."

There was a report current Sunday that the racing that afternoon would end the season, but the officials then denied that there would be any curtailment and said that the meeting would run until next Sunday.

Races Run 37 Days.

The track met for a total of 37 days in a very turbulent season. When the Carrancistas took over Juarez, there was considerable doubt as to the holding of the races but they were permitted to continue.

Last Thursday there was a report current in both Chicago and Baltimore that the Juarez races were about to be shut down by the Carranza government but both Gen. Gaviarra, military commander at Juarez, and Gen. Andres Garcia, in El Paso, stated that they knew nothing of any such report.

To Reopen Next Fall.

The race track men predict that there will be no trouble in reopening for the new season next Thanksgiving day. There are about 400 horses still quartered at the track. Removal of these to El Paso for shipment to other points is now under way and special race trains will get away for the northern tracks on Tuesday.

Where They Will Go.

Tia Juarez, the new track near San Diego, will get many of the horses which have been racing at Juarez, according to representatives of that course. The horses will be shipped to Tia Juarez, near San Antonio, where a 21-day meeting opened Saturday, will also get a number of horses. In fact, several big shipments to that track were made from Juarez early last week. Other horsemen will sail to Maryland.

The coming summer is expected to see quite a campaign in favor of parliamenting at the Juarez plant.

GRIFITHS IS GIVEN SHADE OVER BEECHER

Columbus, Ohio, March 14.—Johnny Griffiths of Akron, Ohio, was given a shade over Willie Beecher of New York, in a 12-round bout here Monday night. The decision was made by newspaper men at the ringside. The weights were: Griffiths, 145; Beecher, 142.

## Doping the 1916 Baseball Season With Hugh S. Fullerton

VII.—American League Third Basemen.

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

Offence. Defence. Tot. Val.

Team	Offence	Defence	Tot. Val.
New York	362	282	1245
Washington	344	272	1196
Boston	337	245	1132
St. Louis	331	239	1120
Detroit	324	232	1105
Cleveland	322	232	1102
Chicago	321	256	1087
Philadelphia	310	215	1025

Of remember, when you were a kid, that the bump-on-a-log who couldn't do anything but buy a 30 cent ball played right field? Well, nowadays he'd be third baseman. Yet in this position, which has gradually decreased in importance, has become one of the hardest to fill in any team. It is the easiest of any club, but shortstops and second basemen who cast longing eyes towards it are sternly sent back to their jobs.

The third baseman averages about three chances a game, including foul flies, the majority of which could be caught by someone else. His duties are double—he must stop vicious drives down the line. He either stops them and is a hero, or lets them go and they are base hits. Two other things he needs first, to get a quick start and come in fast on bunts and slow bouncers, and second, to "cut in" rapidly and field ground balls hit toward the shortstop so as to permit the shortstop to play a deep field. The fielding of bunts and ground balls is vital, not because the third baseman has much of it to do, but because if he fails to do it, the team is weak in that respect they will push the ball toward him. The rotten fielder has more chances than the good one.

This is the third time I have doped the third basemen since the middle of February, and the order has not changed materially. Although the lineup of the third basemen has changed entirely, the Athletics have made the greatest improvement, and although they still rank down at the end of the list, they are many points stronger.

The securing of Pick, who played third for Richmond last season, makes the Athletics so much more promising than they were that it is encouraging the entire league.

Baker No Great Player.

The big trade, of course, was in the Yankees securing Frank Baker. Now I have figured this as carrying coals to Newcastle. Baker is not, never was and never will be a great ball player. He hit some home runs in a world's series and became a hero. He is not a smart man, not a good man for a ball club, and the only thing you can say for him is that he can hit. It is even a question whether he will hit much this season. I think he will hit pretty well. As a third baseman he is rather a joke. He is flat footed, anchored to the base, not good at cutting in on slow bouncers, and only fair in coming forward after bunts. Of course, he strengthens the Yanks because it gives Donovan a chance to use Mabel, who is far the superior of Baker as a ball player, in some other position, perhaps at short.

I don't know whether Mabel can play short or not. But I do know that with Mabel batting ahead of Baker and getting on and running the bases, the Yanks will be a dangerous ball club. Let me interpolate. Two years ago the Yanks were rather a joke under Frank Chance. Last year we considered them better. Yet their defensive work two years ago was better than it was last year. If they can get the defensive work out, Chance got out of them and with the offensive strength they brought to have now—the "punch" they brought to get—that team ought to be "way up."

Chicago Shows Improvement.

Chicago is the other club showing a big improvement in the third base line. If only I could be certain that Rowland would take up the situation in correct proportions and decide at once to play McMillen at third all year, I would add a number of points to the third base strength of the Sox. McMillen is the best youngster, in view of the want he fills, that is coming into the major leagues this year. This fellow is one of the best young ball players in the country. The Sox must have a new third baseman, yet it seems they are not yet seriously considering McMillen. Here is a confession: If I were manager of the White Sox today, I would rather have McMillen than Frank Baker. Is that strong enough? I have figured this kid to play 110 games at third, and the others I have given to George Moriarty, who is a world of strength because of his steadiness and experience. Further, I expect Moriarty to be one of the first to boost McMillen as the regular third baseman of the Sox.

Gardner Has Gone Back.

Gardner, one of the finest fellows in the game, has slipped considerably from a mechanical standpoint. He has slipped so far, in fact, that I am calculating that Juvyn will play 40 games at third a number of years to the whole. Gardner was transformed second baseman who found third basing so easy that he became a world beater. Last season he slipped on coming forward after bunts and seemed to lose his speed and keenness. I know part of the cause, but the cause does not matter. We are seeking effects.

Forster Washington Second.

Forster of Washington, must be ranked second among the third basemen and perhaps he might be rated first, depending upon the way in which Donovan solves his third base problem. If Forster plays third all the time and looks upon it as his regular job, he is the most effective man, save Mabel, in the American league. It is rather a surprise

## WILLARD-MORAN RECEIPTS \$70000

Box Office is Rapidly Taking in the Cash as Date of the Fight Approaches.

New York, March 14.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Willard-Moran bout, announced that the box office at Madison Square Garden had already taken in about \$70,000 in cash for tickets for the big bout of March 25. He also declared that the managers had more than \$20,000 worth of orders for boxes which will be taken up before the bout, and \$20,000 worth of seats still remaining to be sold.

While Rickard has consented to follow the dictates of the boxing commission concerning the financial details of the bout, nevertheless he does not think the commission has a right to hold up the money that he has contracted to give. He had agreed to give them the purse for a boxing exhibition and when they box the ten rounds they will have fulfilled their part. Rickard today and when it was over he was tired and perspiring freely.

Willard kept up his hard work at his training performance at the Flanery athletic club today and when it was over he was tired and perspiring freely.

Frank Moran is taking things easy at Dal Hawking's roadhouse.

Fred Wenck, chairman of the State Athletic commission, sent a prompt and pointed answer to senator John J. Pendergast. Senator Pendergast charged that many of the licenses issued by the commission are not legal and that licenses should only be issued to clubs which had built exclusively for boxing. Chairman Wenck said that this was impossible, because under that arrangement there would be only four or five clubs in the whole state.

In reference to the Willard-Moran exhibition the chairman said that it would be held under the auspices of the Show Corporation, which has a bona fide lease for boxing purposes at Madison Square and is the biggest and one of the best conducted clubs in New York state. This corporation has purchased all the contracts and has assumed all the obligations of Tex Rickard.

HEINE ZIMMERMAN GETS DIVORCE, CUSTODY OF CHILD

New York, March 14.—A decree of absolute divorce was granted by default in the supreme court of Bronx county today to "Heine" Zimmerman of the Chicago National league club from Mrs. Helen G. Zimmerman. Custody of their one child was awarded to Zimmerman.

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